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1. Order #106, 10 May 1947, of the Commander in Chief of the SMA provides that 2 million tons of scrap iron are to be collected during 1947 as follows:

From	Amount
Russian Sector Berlin	400,000 Tons
Brandenburg	700,000
Saxony-Anhalt	180,000
Thuringia	100,000
Saxony	600,000
Mecklenburg	50,000

2. It is reported that Lt. Col. Lebedev of the Metallurgy Section of the SMA stated that the scrap collected would be distributed as follows:

To	Amount
Poland	200,000 Tons
Czechoslovakia	100,000
USSR	500,000
Western Zones of Germany	500,000
Russian Zone of Germany	300,000

Source states that 300,000 tons would be enough to supply the Russian zone steel plants through 1948.

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**Comment:** The SED press in Berlin has claimed that a large portion of the scrap collected would be sent to the Western Zones in exchange for steel for industrial plants in the Russian Zone. In the figures above, totalling 1,600,000 tons, there is apparently no provision for disposition of scrap from the Russian sector of Berlin.

3. Order #106 lists 18 firms which are to collect the scrap. They are to be furnished with 140 trucks with trailers, 800 tons calcium carbide, 750 tons fuel, 200 acetylene torches, 10 tons of crane cable, 350 tires and tubes. The SMA Manpower Division is ordered to have the labor offices detail 7000 workmen for work in these firms.

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as needed. The Trade and Supply Division is to arrange for ration card #1 for the workmen.

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4. The scrap collection program includes all scrap in Russian military installations in the Russian Zone as well as in stock piles of commercial firms, factories both working and dismantled, the railroads, and destroyed buildings. Scrap in the factories of the Soviet AG's must also be reported.

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s Comment: German sources estimate that total scrap iron in the Russian Zone amounts to between four and five million tons, while the Russians estimate is between six and one-half and seven million.

5. An independent source reports that the Russian officer responsible for dismantling the electric works of the Klara mine at Senftenberg, called off the dismantling when the German authorities produced an equal amount of scrap iron. The same source reports that the Russians are dismantling factory buildings solely for the sale of the scrap iron obtained.

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